



National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians
Advanced Level Psychomotor Examination

SUPRAGLOTTIC AIRWAY DEVICE

2021-Q1: SGA

Candidate: _____ Examiner: _____
Date: _____ Signature: _____
Device: _____

NOTE: If candidate elects to initially ventilate with BVM attached to reservoir and oxygen, full credit must be awarded for steps denoted by “***” so long as first ventilation is delivered within 30 seconds.

Actual Time Started: _____	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Takes or verbalizes appropriate PPE precautions	1	
Opens the airway manually	1	
Elevates tongue, inserts simple adjunct [oropharyngeal or nasopharyngeal airway]	1	
NOTE: Examiner now informs candidate no gag reflex is present and patient accepts adjunct		
**Ventilates patient immediately with bag-valve-mask device unattached to oxygen	1	
**Ventilates patient with room air	1	
NOTE: Examiner now informs candidate that ventilation is being performed without difficulty and that pulse oximetry indicates the patient's blood oxygen saturation is 85%		
Attaches oxygen reservoir to bag-valve-mask device and connects to high-flow oxygen regulator [12 – 15 L/minute]	1	
Ventilates patient at a rate of 10 – 12/minute (1 ventilation every 5 – 6 seconds) with appropriate volumes	1	
NOTE: After 30 seconds, examiner auscultates and reports breath sounds are present and equal bilaterally and medical direction has ordered insertion of a supraglottic airway. The examiner must now take over ventilation.		
Checks/prepares supraglottic airway device	1	
Lubricates distal tip of the device [may be verbalized]	1	
NOTE: Examiner to remove OPA and move out of the way when candidate is prepared to insert device.		
Positions head properly	1	
Performs a tongue-jaw lift	1	
Inserts device to proper depth	1	
Properly secures device per manufacturer's instructions	1	
Ventilates patient and confirms proper ventilation by auscultation bilaterally over lungs and over the epigastrium	1	
Adjusts ventilation as necessary	1	
Verifies proper tube placement by secondary confirmation such as capnography, capnometry, EDD or colorimetric device	1	
NOTE: The examiner must now ask the candidate, “How would you know if you are delivering appropriate volumes with each ventilation?”		
Secures device or confirms that the device remains properly secured	1	
Ventilates patient at proper rate and volume while observing capnography/capnometry and pulse oximeter	1	
Actual Time Ended: _____	TOTAL	18

Critical Criteria

- ☐ Failure to initiate ventilations within 30 seconds after using appropriate PPE or interrupts ventilations for greater than 30 seconds at any time
- ☐ Failure to take or verbalize appropriate PPE precautions
- ☐ Failure to voice and ultimately provide high oxygen concentration [at least 85%]
- ☐ Failure to ventilate the patient at a rate of 10 – 12/minute (1 ventilation every 5 – 6 seconds)
- ☐ Failure to provide adequate volumes per breath [maximum 2 errors/minute permissible]
- ☐ Failure to pre-oxygenate patient prior to insertion of the supraglottic airway device
- ☐ Failure to insert the supraglottic airway device at a proper depth or location within 3 attempts
- ☐ Failure to properly secure device per manufacturer's instructions
- ☐ Failure to confirm that patient is being ventilated properly by auscultation bilaterally over lungs and over the epigastrium
- ☐ Insertion or use of any adjunct in a manner dangerous to the patient
- ☐ Failure to manage the patient as a competent EMT
- ☐ Exhibits unacceptable affect with patient or other personnel
- ☐ Uses or orders a dangerous or inappropriate intervention

You must factually document your rationale for checking any of the above critical items on the reverse side of this form.